



Grand Chapter of Idaho

Order of the Eastern Star

April 29, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

During this unique and trying time we hope you are all safe, well and healthy. This has been an exceedingly difficult situation to say the least.

Our Idaho Constitution does not provide directions for what to do in a pandemic, but it does say in Article VI, Section 2 of the Code and Digest:

“In the event an unforeseen or emergency conditions exists whereby the Grand Chapter sessions cannot be held on the scheduled date, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron will determine an alternate date as near to the original date as possible.”

We had a virtual meeting with all of the line officers and the chairpersons of the board of trustees, jurisprudence and general arrangements to talk about what we were going to do. It was the consensus that we postpone Grand Chapter. On April 27, 2020 we had a meeting with the top four line officers to decide when Grand Chapter should be held. We took into consideration the health and safety of our membership and the fact that we have no idea as to when this pandemic will end. This was a difficult decision to make, but we decided that Grand Chapter will be postponed until June 11-15, 2021 and will be held at the Red Lion in Pocatello, Idaho.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all Grand Officers and all Grand Chapter Committee Members will stay in place until June 2021. We hope, because we have been unable to hold elections in the Subordinate Chapters, the current Subordinate Chapter Officers will also remain in place. This will enable the Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons who would have been in the East in Deb and Bill's year could still be in the East with them.

There will be no Official Visits this year. This makes us incredibly sad, so we are trying to come up with a plan that will still allow us to visit each Chapter during this extended Grand Chapter year. We believe that we need to continue to enjoy cheerful gatherings, fellowship and social enjoyment.

May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

Star Love,

Jeanne Jennings, WGM

Todd Paille, WGP

Deborah Arnold, AGM

Bill Tuggle, AGP